



## M. Berniece Henschen

April 29, 1940 - August 24, 2025

M. Berniece Henschen, 85, of Ossian, passed away on Sunday evening, August 24, 2025, at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne.

Berniece was born on April 29, 1940, in Jay County to Carl and Reba (Bond) Taylor. She graduated from Pennville High School in 1958. She was an owner of Grider's Flooring, worked for Glover & May Shoes, Jay County High School and was a telephone operator for several places in Fort Wayne.

After high school, Berniece was married and raised her children in Portland, IN. On November 1, 1985, Berniece and Lynn Henschen were married at First United Methodist Church of Bluffton. At that time, the couple moved to Waynedale, IN., where they lived for 18 years. Lynn built a new home for them in Ossian, where they were still living. Berniece treasured her time as a volunteer at the Fort Wayne Airport for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Lynn Henschen of Ossian, their children; Mark (Elizabeth) Grider of Prichard, WV., Kelli (Tim) Shores of Poneto, IN., Gary (Deb) Grider of Hartford City, IN., Mitch (Karen) Grider of Milroy, IN., Steve (Leesa) Henschen of Fort Wayne, IN., David (Katie) Henschen of Fort Wayne, IN. and Denice (Darren) Snyder of Oceanside CA. She was a loving grandma to 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She will be remembered by her siblings, Phylis (Tim) Upp of Pennville, Frank (Kathy) Taylor of Fort Wayne and Caroline (Bobby) Wines, Daisy Shuba and Jennifer Wall, all of Portland. Visitation will take place from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Friday, (August 29, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral services will

take place at 1 P.M. on Friday, at the funeral home, with Pastor Bill Garver officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Memorials may be made to Stillwater Hospice or Coventry Meadows and can be sent to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

701 S. Jefferson St.  
Ossian, IN 46766

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 29.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 29.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Bluffton, IN 46714  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of M. Berniece Henschen*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - August 29, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Berniece volunteered at the airport with me on occasion. She was a sweet loving lady. Always smiling and so caring. The world was a little better because she was in it.*

jacque gay - September 28, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *135 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - August 28, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of M. Berniece Henschen.*



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August 28, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of M. Berniece Henschen.

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August 28, 2025 at 02:22 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of M. Berniece Henschen.*



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August 28, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *Kelli, we are so sorry to read of your mother's passing. We only knew her through you but we know you were close. Those B&K days were so long ago but remember her always there to pick you up after we closed. To all the Grider family please accept our condolences for your loss.*

*Patrick & Barbara Miller.*

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**Barbara Miller** - August 28, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of M. Berniece Henschen.



August 27, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of M. Berniece Henschen.



August 27, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of M. Berniece Henschen.



August 27, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of M. Berniece Henschen.



August 27, 2025 at 10:12 AM



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“ Berniece was a fellow classmate in the class of 58. She will be missed in our get togethers. A very nice lady and fun loving.

**Glenda Williams** - August 27, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



**John Walls** - August 26, 2025 at 10:56 PM